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FRENCH CHARGE CARRAUD CALLED ME MORNING MAY 31 TO REPORT A CALL HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM FRENCH PERMREP DE ROSE WHO IS NOW IN PARIS. DE ROSE HAD MET WITH NEW FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES AND FOUND HIM IN AN "ENCOURAGING DISPOSITION" WITH RESPECT TO THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION. DE ROSE NOW HOPED WE COULD GO AHEAD AND SOLVE THE MAIN PROBLEMS ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTER HAD NOT AS YET TAKEN A DEFINITE STAND ON THE CONSULTATION PARAGRAPH. DE ROSE IS HOPEFUL THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GO ALONG WITH THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL (USNATO 2984) BUT THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE THE LIMIT THEY COULD AGREE TO. THE FRENCH BELIEVE THAT IF THE U.S. WERE IN A POSITION TO AGREE TO THE REFORMULATED PARAGRAPH, OUR AGREEMENT MIGHT BE REGISTERED AT THE JUNE 4 COUNCIL MEETING. FRENCH CHARGE ADDED THEY MAY ASK FOR ONE OR TWO COSMETIC MODIFICATIONS TO THE PARAGRAPH BUT FOR NOTHING THAT WOULD GO TO THE HEART OF IT. CARRAUD SAID FRENCH PERMREP DE ROSE WANTED ME TO KNOW OF THE ABOVE. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION, I SAID I HAD NO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS YET ON THE BELGIAN REVISION OF THE CONSULTATION PARAGRAPH. CARRAUD SAID DE ROSE HOPED I WOULD LET WASHINGTON KNOW OF ABOVE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS, SO WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO AGREE ON A CONSULTATION PARAGRAPH BY TUESDAY. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUERY ON WHETHER I THOUGHT ABOVE MOVEMENT IN FRENCH POSITION WOULD BE HELPFUL, I SAID I WOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON AND FIND OUT. RUMSFELD

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